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**Agricultural Summary:** Last week was characterized by above normal temperatures and increased precipitation throughout the state. The additional heat units accelerated crop development in most instances while scattered showers and thunderstorms hampered harvesting and cutting activities, although good progress was still made last week. Farmers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	39	47	2
Last Week	12	37	49	2
Last Year	29	44	27	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	33	41	1
Last Week	24	32	43	1
Last Year	43	41	16	0

**Small Grains:** Virtually all of the spring barley crop was headed while 45 percent was coloring. Harvest of spring barley continued last week ending on 16 percent complete. Forty percent of the spring wheat crop was turning color, up from 35 percent previously. This is compared with 58 percent last year and 54 percent on average. The winter wheat harvest was estimated at 87 percent complete, up from 68 percent the previous week.

**Row Crops:** Sixty-five percent of the dry bean crop was blooming, up from 45 percent last week. This is compared with 49 percent last year and the average of 49 percent. Thirty-five percent of the corn crop was silking by week's end, up from the previous week's 25 percent. Sorghum was completely emerged by the end of the week with 13 percent headed, compared with 15 percent last year and 25 percent on average.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 27, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	5	25	50	18
Last Year	9	13	31	42	5
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	4	16	51	27
Last Year	0	5	32	51	12
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	41	50	1
Last Year	8	13	35	35	9

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 61 percent fair to good across the State, a slight improvement from last week. Last year, 38 percent was rated fair to good while 55 percent is fair to good on average. The second cutting of alfalfa, estimated at 59 percent complete, was behind the 68 percent attained last year and the five-year average of 62 percent. Little progress was made on the third cutting with an estimated 7 percent complete by week's end.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 27, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	10	23	27	34	6
Prev. Year - 2013	31	29	23	15	2
5-Year Avg.	20	18	25	30	7

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 15 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 27, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	59	46	68	62
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	7	5	3	4
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	65	45	49	49
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	35	25	53	50
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Emerged	100	90	100	100
Headed	13	5	15	25
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	99	92	99	99
Turning Color	45	19	43	61
Harvested	16	2	4	8
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	99	96	99	97
Turning Color	40	35	58	54
Harvested	3	2	9	6
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Ripe	99	94	100	97
Harvested	87	68	91	88

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	3	10	27	45	15
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	0	58	36	6
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	22	64	12
<b>Onions</b>	0	2	15	67	16
<b>Potatoes Inside SLV</b>	6	16	28	41	9
<b>Potatoes Outside SLV</b>	0	1	17	70	12
<b>Sorghum</b>	3	18	50	28	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	4	19	56	20
<b>Sunflowers</b>	3	21	29	42	5

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.